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September 14, 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATION
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE WORK PLAN FOR
PERCHED-INTERMEDIATE WELL SCI-4
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-GW**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

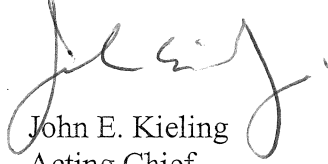
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Extension Request for Submittal of the Work Plan for Perched-Intermediate Well SCI-4* (Request) dated September 2, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0300.

The Permittees state in the Request that the extension will allow them to complete and sample wells R-62 and SCI-3 before making a determination regarding the need for and placement of well SCI-4. Validated results from two sampling events at wells R-62 and SCI-3 are expected to be available by January 2012, and the Permittees request an extension until February 15, 2012 to submit the work plan for well SCI-4. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. No later than **February 15, 2012**, the Permittees must either submit a work plan for well SCI-4 or provide a written justification that well SCI-4 is not needed and that the existing groundwater monitoring network provides sufficient information on the western extent and flow direction of perched groundwater and chromium contamination present in the vicinity of well SCI-2. If NMED deems the Permittees' justification inadequate, NMED will require submittal of a work plan for SCI-4.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John E. Kielling', written in a cursive style.

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